

IMPORTANT APRN REGISTRATION RENEWAL INFORMATION

To practice advanced practice registered nursing in Minnesota an individual must be licensed and currently registered as an RN and as an APRN. To maintain a current APRN license in Minnesota, you must hold:

- A current Minnesota RN license
- Current certification as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role and population for which you are licensed. Each time an APRN renews their certification, verification of recertification must be sent directly from the certifying organization to the Board.

The registration expiration date of your RN and APRN license is the same date and is determined by the month and year of your birth. Your RN and APRN registrations expire on the last day of your birth month and in an odd or even year depending on your birth year. For example, if you were born in July 1975, your RN and APRN registrations expire the last day of July 2015.

At this time the Board of Nursing is unable to make available an online registration renewal process or establish APRN registration renewal rules. Therefore, while the Board develops an online process and APRN registration rules, the Board will not collect APRN registration renewal fees until January 2017. Therefore, your APRN registration renewal fee of \$85 is waived. However, you must complete a RN renewal application and pay the RN registration renewal fee to maintain your RN and APRN registration. You may renew your RN registration online at the Board's website or make a written request to receive a paper RN renewal application in the mail.

If you fail to renew your RN registration, your RN and APRN registration will be expired and you will not be authorized to practice as an RN or an APRN. Contact the Board when you want to reregister your RN or APRN registration. Reregistration requirements are different from renewal requirements and are subject to change.

Important information to know:

- You have the responsibility to maintain a current mailing address with the Board for the purpose of receiving Board communication or notices, including renewal of registration.
- Previously the Board maintained an APRN Registry. Registry requirements were different than licensure requirements. For example, to maintain your registry status you simply had to submit a copy of your current certification to the Board by fax, mail or email. The APRN Registry no longer exists. In order to practice as an APRN in Minnesota you must be licensed as an APRN. APRN licensure requirements include primary source verification of your current national certification in your APRN role and population focus. It is your responsibility to ensure the Board has verification of your current certification status. The Board must receive verification of certification status directly from the certifying body.

If you have questions or comments regarding any of this information, call 612-317-3000.